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OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Beulah

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Antioch Baptist Church,

BOON'S CROSS ROADS,

October 5th, 6th and 7th, 1915.

The next session will be held with the First Baptist Church, Rich Square, N. C., beginning Wednesday after the First Sunday in October, 1916.

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TUESDAY—Morning Session.

The Beulah Baptist Association met with the Antioch Baptist Church, Boon's Cross Roads, Northampton Co., N. C. in its Thirteenth Annual Session Tuesday, October 5th, 1915. Rev. K. S. Jacobs, presiding, Devotionals were conducted by Revs. K. N. Grant and W. G. Thomas, Rev. Thomas lined and led in singing hymn 269 Rev. Grant read 23rd. Psalm of David and led in prayer. Second hymn sung was 402, after giving a few words of advice the Moderator considered it fitting for the brethren to engage in praise service for thirty minutes after which the list of churches was called and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—Wm. Wall.
First Baptist Rich Square—G. G. Magette, Thomas Hill.
First Baptist Conway—H. World.
Second Baptist Potecasi—W. T. Joyner, Lee Boon.
Second Baptist Creeksville—W. J. Easom, Amos Manley.
Branches Chapel—J. W. Ellett,——Odom.
Nebo Chapel—L. B. Boon, H. D. Manning.
Chapel Hill—Wm. Brewer.
Hill's Chapel—M. D. Durham, C. Whitehead.
Boon's Chapel—Thomas Sykes.
Patillo's Chapel—A. S. Patillo.
Piney Grove—L. Plummer, J. Jordan.
Canaan—M. N. Zollicoffer.
Roanoke Salem—A. N. Rice, Wm. Weaver.
Missouri—W. B. Rook, J. Jones.
Zoar—L. J. Day, N. T. Calvert,

Among the visitors there were Prof. J. J. Leveston, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. Rev. M. Sweatt, Rev. T. D. Jones Rev. C. W. Ivey of the Neuse River Association Revs. Lovesbon and Jones made pleasant remarks in our behalf and progress and wished us well. The appointment of committees was now made. The committee on Hours of Meeting submitted the following: Meet at 9:30 a. m. adjourn at 12:30 p. m. re-assemble at 2 p- m. Rev. P. A. Bishop spoke a few minutes in the interest of his paper, a collection of $3.25 was taken up and the morning session stood adjourned.

TUESDAY—Afsernoon Session.

The Association re-assembled at 2 p. m. Devotionals conducted by Revs. W. C. Mingie and T. O. Bryant. Rev. Mingie led in singing hymn 543, Rev. Bryant read the 13th chapter of Corinthians, Rev. Mingie offered prayer. Second hymn sung

"The Beulah Land" The minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved. The pastor now made a brief but cordial welcome address to his church and community, it was responded to by Mr. G. P. Burgwyn in behalf of the white people of Jackson and surrounding community in such a congenial and loving, supported by many apt scriptual references which reflected the spirit of the Lord prevailing between the two races. The Moderator requested Rev. Sills to respond; who assured the gentleman that we would in every way conduct ourselves becomming our calling.

The committee on officers submitted their report which was received and adopted. Rev. M. J. Johnson assisted by Rev. Wm. Turner now prceeded to preach the Annual Sermon Hymn 414 was lined und sung, the 7th chapter of Proverbs was read, prayer led by Rev. Turner. Rev. Johnson selected as the subject of his discourse from the 26th verse of the first chapter of the Colloseans. He handled his subject in a masterly way and commanded the attention of those who heard him at the close of his sermon Rev. T. D. Jones led in a fervent prayer. The committee on New Churches presented Chapel Grove for membership which was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to its messenger, Bro. W. M. Day. Collection $3.55. Benediction by Rev. N. H. Harrison.

WEDNESDAY—Morning Session.

The Association met at 10:20 a. m. Devotionals conducted by Revs. T. D. Jones and C. T. Vaughan, hymn 522 was lined and sung, 19th, division of Psalms was read by Rev. Vaughan prayer led by Rev. Jones, "Ask me not O gentle Savior" was sung, the minutes of the previous afternoon session were read and arrested with the correction of changing the initials to the name of Rev. Jones, and objection made by Rev. Blacknall to the reception of Chapel Grove for membership, at this moment much strife and confusion were "nipped in the bud" by a noble move of the Moderator who ordered all parties connected with the presentation of said church for membership to retire and settle their difficulties. The Moderator's Annual Address was read by Bro. M. Brewer. The address was highly commented upon by the Brethren and ordered to be printed in the next Minutes of the Association. The ministers now paid their annual fees also a few Bro. Deacons. Prof. Leveston was here given time to present the needs of the Theological Department of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. defore beginning his speech; a few stanzas of "Close to Thee" was sweetly sung by the body and he then delivered us a remarkably fine address on the "Goodness and Trained Leadership" of the

people at the conclusion of which he was given a collection of $14.56 afterwards raised to $20.00, he kindly gave us thanks for the same. Rev. Blacknall arose and made a statement that he and the committee on New Churches were reconciled on some of their differences, a final decission they would reach later. The minutes of the previous afternoon session now stood approved. Benediction by Rev. Blacknall.

WEDNESDAY—Afternoon Session.

The Association reassembled at 3:40 p. m, Devotionals by Revs. J. B. Maddrey, and Wm. Turner. After singing hymn 702. Rev. Turner read 9 veres of the 8th chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, and led in player "Long Ago" was sung, the minutes of the forenoon were read and approved. Rev. M. P. Sweatt, was introduced to the body he brought us greetings from the Neuse River Association, he said good things for us, wished us well and God speed and paid his money which proved he meant what he said. Prof. Creecy made his Annual report, (See report) supported by a strong speech as usual and concluded with a collection of $18.75. The committee on examination presented the Revs. P. A. Bishop and J. B. Maddry worthy candidates for ordination. The report was received and adopted. Benediction by Rev. Sills.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

The Association met at 9:45 a m. Devotionals conducted by Revs. F. W. Jacobs and J. B. Maddrey. Rev. Maddrey lined hymn 371 which was sung by the Association. Rev. Jacobs read 14th. verses of the 6th, chapter of Galatians, it was followed by prayer by Rev. Maddrey. Second hymn sung. I believe on the Lord." The minutes of the previous afternoon session were read and approved. The Moderator gently admonished the brethren on preaching obedience and not practicing it. Rev. Mingie thought there should be a committee appointed to look up and do something with these ministers who do not hold prayers in their own families, and are doing more harm than good. The committees on Sunday School and Time and Place offered their reports which were received with the exception of Time and Place being changed, time Wednesday instead of Tuesday. Place, First Baptist, Rich Square, instead of Nebo, with these corrections the reports were adopted. A motion prevailed that churches of the association be requested to send up $25.00 to the Emancipation celebration at Rich Square Academy to be used towards the errection of the building of said school. A motion was offered to accept

Rev. Blacknall's plea to make his report at the Board Meeting The Rev. Blacknall made a very impressive talk on the christian training of our children and related many sacrifices he has made for the good of his people, he was given a collection of $12.25. Rev. J. S. Sills was at the head of a plan to erect a new building on the site of the Rich Square Institute and secured in pledges for the same to the amount of $161.00. Rev. Sommerville spoke a few minutes in the interest of his paper, "The Vigil." In his Ordination Sermon he selected 2nd verse of the 13th chapter of acts, he was assisted by Rev. W. Haithcock.

Rev. Sommervill's sermon was an uplift and inspiring to the young men seeking ordination. The committee on Education and Temperance submitted their reports. The report on temperance caused some discussion on the clause relating to tobacco. it was discussed that many other things equally obnoxions and unrighteous besides tobacco and snuff. went unnoticed. but it was finally decided to put down everything that was a sin, the reports were adopted. The ordination of the brethren was successfully preformed by Rev. Sills and others.

The committee on finance submitted their report which was received and adopted. "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung and general hand shaking ended the thirteenth session of the Beulah Association.

Pursuant to order the Executive Board met with Second Baptist Church, Potecasi, Monday after the third Sunday in Nov. '15. All of the ministerial force was present except Revs. Woodard, Sills, Thomas and Zollicoffer. After the devotional exercises conducted by Rev. L. J. Outlaw the Moderator announced we were ready to complete the unfinished husiness of the Association. The following named ministers and deacons paid their Association fee: P. A. Bishop, G. Magett, R. Boon, B. Langford, Rev. Bryant paid $1.00 for '14, Rev. Blacknall paid for '14-'15. St. Paul represented through her pastor Rev. K. E. Grant, $2.50; collection, $2.00; total collection $9.85 Rev. Blacknall gave some interesting details of the State Convention among which were the plans laid for the consolidation of the different conventions on the 12th day of January, 1916. He urged a messenger from the rural locality to look after our interest. The Pastor of Piney Grove Church stated they were not willing to accept the Union at the time set. The following resolution was adopted. Be it resolved that every minister belonging to this Association shall pay an annual fee to help foster the work of the same, ordained ministers $1.50 licensed ministers $1.00 Any minister failing to pay said fee, his name shall not appear on the ministerial list, when he pays up back

fee, his name may appear on said list, unless otherwise excused. Gave to Rev. Creecy $2.50; to Rev. Blacknall $2.50 to delegates to State Convention $2.00; to church sexton 50c: to Secretary $1.85 put in Treasurer 50c, Total $9.85. Sung Doxology. Benediction by Rev. T. O. Bryant, subject to the call of Moderator Rev. K. S. Jacobs.

F. E. Robinson, Rec. Sec.

REPORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS.

We your Committee on Arrangements beg to submit the fowing: Meet at 9:30 a. m.; adjourn at 12:30 p. m.: re-assemble at 2 p. m; and adjourn at 4 p. m.

O. S. Arrington. B. J. Ramsay.
A. Powell. Tonie Powell.
W. Shoulars. Rev. K. S. Jacobs.
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report: Whereas the Sunday School is the source from which come much light and knowledge of the Bible. Resolved that we as Baptists will do all we can to uplift Sunday School work for training our children religiously. Therefore be it resolved that the Sunday School see to it first, they obtain the very best teacher 2nd, that they select among them, the best for superintendents. 3rd that the churches ordain no deacon. call no pastor who takes no part in Sunday School work. Be it Resolved that any deacon who fails to attend the S. S. or prayer meeting shall be expelled from the deacon board.

H. Boon, Junius Joe. W. B. Rook,
M. W. Johnson, W. M. Turner. Com.

TEMPERACE.

We your committee on intemperance beg leave to report. Whereas intemperance is a great hindrance to the intellectaal, moral and spiritual welfare of our people. therefore be it resolved that we will do all in our power to suppress its influence and we do resolve further to condemn its influence among us as Christians, that we resolve further in speech and dress and in all of our actions, and whereas cigarettes is so great an evil among our young boys. that we will as church and Sunday School leaders do all in our power to condemn the use of tobacco and snuff as well as intoxicated wines and liquors.

L. J. Day. L. B. Boon.
W. J. Easom. L. L. Gaings. Com.

EDUCATION.

We your committee on education beg to submit the following report. Whereas the time has come when we as a people must aise up in behalf of the great need of our boys and girls. moraally, religiously and especially educationally. Be it therefore

resolved that all pastors who have the interest of their flock at heart, or who feel in any way, any responsibility for himself or any one else that they use every conceivable means in seeing that collections be taken at least three times a year and sent to the principals of the schools while in session, and the churches donating for such be recited for same and encouched in the general report each school year, and that each individual feel it incumbent upon him or herself to make of themselves committees of the whole in using all there power and influence to help foster the great cause of education throughout this land and country.

Prof. W. S. Creecy, Rev. T. O. Bryant,
Rev. J. B. Maddrey. Rev. J. W. Blacknall,
W. M. Brewer, Committee.

NEW CHURCHES.

We your community on new churches beg to submit the following: that Chapel Grove Baptist church presents itself to us for membership. We have carefully examined the organizing council and find that the church was organized in Gospel order and recommend the church to be received in full fellowship.

L. J. Day: P. A. Bishop,
H. Worrell. Committee.

EXAMINATION.

We your committee on examination beg to make the following report. We have examined brethren P. A. Bishop and J. B. Maddrey and find them worthy and therefore recommend them ordination.

Revs. C. T. Vaughan, H. Boon.
M. J. Johnson, W. H. Jackson,
W. H. Haithcock, Committee.

OFFICERS

We your committee on Officers beg to make the following report: For Moderator, Rev. K. S. Jacobs, For Vice-Moderator, Rev. J. W. Blacknall, Rec. Secretary, F. E. Robinson, Cor. Secretary, W. T. Garress, Historian, Rev. P. A. Bishop, Treasurer, B. W. Langford, Executive Board: Dr. W. T. H. Woodard, Rev. K. S. Jacobs, Rev. J. W. Blacknall, Rev. P. A. Bishop, Rev. W. S. Creecy, Rev. J. S. Sills, Rev. N. H. Harrison, Rev. G. W. Thomas, Rev. K. E. Grant, Rev. M. N. Zollicoffer, Rev. T. O. Bryant, B. W. Langford, F. E. Robinson.

M. N. Zollicoffer, K. E. Grant, Wm. Beaver,
A. Odom, G. W. Thomas, Wm. Drewer,
M. D. Durham, Committee.

FINANCE AND DISBURSEMENTS.

State Convention	$ 8.50
Orphan Asylum	4.10
Foreign Mission	1.45
Garysburg High School	28.15
Rich Square Institute	126.80
Finance Committee	6.00
Moderator	6.00
Recording Secretary	5.00
Corresponding Secretary	3.00
Postage	1.39
Sexton	2.00
Balance due on '14 minutes	3.00
Programs	3.25
Compiling and Distributing Minutes	10.00
Rev. J. J. Leveston	20.01
Rev. C. C. Somerville	4.15
Church	3.00
Historian	2.00
Collected at Unions	181.80
Rich Square Institute Report	1653.14
In Treasury	26.76
Board Meeting	9.35
Grand Total Receipts	$2108.85

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Baptized 267, Received bv Letter 25, Dismissed by Letter 22, Expelled 33, Deaths 44, Restored 32, No. Males 1734, No. Females 2585, Total 4319, No. Sunday School Scholars 857, No. Churches 19. All churches reported except 1st Baptist Saratoga.

TIME AND PLACE.

We your committee on Time and Place make the following report: We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with the First Baptist Church, Rich Square, beginning Wednesday after the first Sunday in October 1916. To preach the intrductory, Rev. P. A. Bishop, alternate, Rev. C. T. Vaughan.

H. World, H. Manley,
L. Powell, L. Plummer, Com.

MODRATOR'S ADDRESS.

To the Pastors and Messengers of the Beulah Baptist Association,—GREETING:

My dear Pastors and Messengers:

Permit me to submit to you what custom has demaned my annual address to this Association. I am delighted to greet you in this the Thirteenth Annual Session of our Association, and express my sincere appreciation for the honor you have lavished upon me as Moderator of this honored body of christian workers. I feel that I am under a great obligation to you, and it is impossible for me to find words to express the gratitude that is conceived in my heart, for the respect and confidence you have shown me these few years you have honored me to preside over this grand body, and to look after your denominational interest in this section of the state.

In a humble manner I have always tried to discharged my duty in every position small or great that it pleased my people to honor me to. I must confess that I have not been perfect in striving to transact the business you have trusted to me, but by the help of Him who rules the Universe and the movement of every plannet, I have striven to discharge my duty to the extent of my ability, and should you discover a mistake on my part, I beg that you charge it to the head and not to the heart, for brethren it is my hearts desire to do all in my power to promote the kingdom of God and the edifying of humanity.

Brethren we have achieved much during these 13 years. But we should not congratulate ourselves on our achievements rather measure our achievements by our opportunities and go to God with our heart filled with gratitude for the achievement He has permited us to obtain.

MINISTERS.

We as ministers should plead guilty in that none of us have done all we could in establishing Christs Kingdom in the hearts of men and fostering of humanity. Do the ministers recognize this or do they really look on the churches as a means of getting a living, and collect all the funds for there own selfish income. If only that then their work is a failure. The minister who gets his salary only out of the church is like the cashier who takes all the deposits out of the Bank for his salary.

Brethren hear me, no man should be allowed to pastor in our bounds who is not loyal to the needy and worthy causes for which the Association stands.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We should do more for this needy cause, each church in the bounds of this Association should adopt the one cent system. that is to collect one cent per week for Foreign Mission. All money raised goes directly to Africa but 18 per cent which is retained for home expenses by Dr. Alexander.

SCHOOLS.

We should pay more attention to our schools, for they need your loyal support. Brethren I am interested in all our schools, even more attention should be given to our Rural Schools and see that the best teachers as can be obtained be employed to teach our Rural Schools. Garysburg High School claims our attention and I am sure that it needs all the funds it can possibly get for its maintenance. Our own Rich Square Institute in which I am deeply interested needs your careful consideration and support, we own at Rich Square $25,000 worth of school property, no other Association of our size controls so much school property. One is less than a man who will rise up and speak against our own school, it doesent matter what objection he may have of it, it should be remembered that it is our own Institution and we should defend it in adversary as well as in prosperity.

We are striving hard to erect the new building that has been in question for sometime, God has enabled us to lay the foundation. and I earnestly recommend that we immediately formulate some plan to complete the erection of the building. For our student body demands it. our public assembling at the Institution calls for it and the prestage and rank our school has acquired among simular Institutions says that we must have it, and God and humanity are depending upon you to erect it.

At the last session of our Association I recommended and you approved of it that our large churches bring $25.00 and smaller churches $10.00 to this setting of the Association. I trust that you have done all in you power to carry out that request. and if any of the churches have failed, I humbly ask that you do all you can to bring the remainder of that amount to the annual meeting of the Trustee Board. January 1st. 1916.

Brethren it is not enough for us to pay our money to our Institution, but we should send our children there and keep them there until they have finished the course that our honored Prof. Creecy has arranged for them, then open up positions in our own county for them, in order to keep them in our bounds, for they are the future men and women of our Asso-

ciation, and God knows that we need more men and women in our bounds who have the work of our county at heart, and who are willing to sacrifice time, money and brain for the edifying of the objects of our own Association.

Now Brother Ministers as I am about to close permit me to say to you let us strive to live right, honor God in our lives and stand together for God and for humanity, live the life, it dosen't matter how insignificant you may be, God will always own the right, you may be spoken light of, but fear not, for from the darkest hour dawns the bright light of the future, for God in his own time and that time is speedily coming when he will bring up sons of Beulah that will rise and shine in spite of all the forces of hell. In the name of God stand together. Rally for our schools. stay on bended knees and God will make it plain some day.

Your Humble Servant,

K. S. JACOBS.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Askew, C. S. ..... Conway, N. C.
Barham, D. I. ..... Pleasant Hill, "
Bishop, J. E. ..... Rich Square, "
Banks, J. R. ..... Suffolk, Va.
Edwards, T. H. ..... Potecasi, N. C.
Grant, Alex. ..... Rehoboth, "
Harding, Jos. ..... Jackson, "
Hardy, James .....
Jacobs, Isham ..... Rich Square, "
Parker, A. J. ..... Pendleton, "
Sykes, E. A. ..... Suffolk, Va.
Whittaker, B. W. ..... Rich Square, N. C.
Wood, Henry ..... Suffolk, Va.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Armstrong, L. A. ..... Suffolk, Va.
Alston, O. B. ..... Jackson, N. C.
Boon, A. ..... Franklin, Va.
Boon, H. ..... Suffolk, "
Boon, E. ..... Bryantown, N. C.
Blacknall, J. W. ..... Garysburg, "
Bryant, T. O. ..... Windsor, "
Bishop, P. A. ..... Rich Square, "
Clements, C. C. ..... Littleton, "
Creecy, W. S. ..... Rich Square, "
Grant, K. E. ..... Lasker, "
Grant, Junius ..... Woodland, "
Goins: L. S. ..... Jackson, "
Harrisons, N. H. ..... Potecasi, "
Holloman, J. S. L. ..... Winton, "
Haithcock, W. H. ..... Garysburg, "
Ivey, A. W. ..... Littleton, "
Jacobs, F. W. ..... Lasker, "
Jacobs, K. D. ..... Rich Square, "
Jacobs, K. S. ..... Rich Square, "
Joyner, J. J. ..... Woodland, "
Johnson, M. ..... Jackson, "
Moses, P. ..... Rehoboth, "
Million, E. ..... Suffolk, Va.
Maddrey, J. B. ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
Mingie, W. C. ..... Macon, N. C.
Sills, J. S. ..... Ahoskie, "
Sprewer, I. ..... Murfreesboro, "

Shape, Thos. ..... Cofield, N. C.
Shepherd, L. ..... Jackson, "
Thomas, G. W. ..... Jackson, "
Turner, W. M. ..... Jackson, "
Twisley, L. ..... Suffolk, Va.
Vaugnan, C. T. ..... Murfreesboro, N. C.
Vincent, Wiley ..... Suffolk: Va.
Woodard, W. T. H. ..... Durham, N. C.
Walden, R. I. ..... Henderson, "
Wilkins, W. H. ..... Suffolk, Va.
Zollicoffer, M. N. ..... Thelma, N. C.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS WHO PAID THEIR ASSOCIATION FEE.

T. H. Edwards, Jno. B. Maddry, T. O. Bryant, W. S. Creecy, K. E. Grant, L. S. Goings, N. H. Harrison, K. S. Jacobs, K. Branch, P. Moses, J. S. Sills, E. Boon, G. W. Thomas, W. M. Turner, Alex Grant, A. J. Parker, Thomas Sharpe, F. W. Jacobs, M. A. Swett, H. Boon, B. W. Whitaket and Obom, A. Drew, W. S. Wilkins, K. D. Jacobs, A. B. Manley, D. I. Barham, P. A. Bishop, G. Magette, R. Boon, J. W. Blacknall Bro. G. Langford.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Beulah Baptist Missonary Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be (a) To advance the cause of christ among men. (b) To advocate peace and unity among the churches (c) To encourage Home Mission (d) To promote ministerial education (e) To aid in maintaining Rich Square Institute and Garysburg High School.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of ministers from the churches connected with it- Each church shall have a right to send two delegates who must be in good standing and fellowswip in the churches which they represent. All ordained ministers doing pastoral work in the bounds of this Association shall be considered as members.

Art. 5. The delegate from each church shall present a letter stating the condition of the church, and amount of money sent for each special object, certifying the election and naming the deligate.

Art. 5. Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Modeator, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer and Historian, all of whom shall be at each annual meeting, and shall hold their offices a term of one year from

date of election or until their successors are elected or installed.

Art. 7. Duties of Officers—The Moderator shall preside during the deliberations of the Association, shall preserve order, vote in case of a tie, decide questions of order, sign all orders for disbursements of money, and perform all duties devolving upon such office.

Art. 7 The Vice-Moderator shall assume all duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Art 8. The Recording Secretary shall record all the proceedings of each session, sign all orders legal drawn on the Treasurer, compile the minutes for publication and distribute the same when printed among the churches. Moreover he shall keep a true account of all money deposited into, and paid out of the treasury.

Art. 9. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep correspondence with other Association, religious societes and persons respecting the object of this Association, keep a list of the ordained ministers and render a writteu report to each annual meeting.

Art. 10 The Treasure shall receive and hold all funds coming into this Association and disburse same upon presentation of orders signed by the Moderator and Secretary of this body. He shall report annually to the Assocition the condition of the treasurer and shall be held responsible for all money placed in his hands.

Art. 11. Any Missionary Baptist Church may become a member of this Association by representing a petition at any annual meeting through delegates and if admitted shall pay an initiation fee of $2.00 when so received the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates. The Association will not maintain fellowship with any church that fails to adhere to gospel principle.

12. There shall be an Executive Board of seven whose duty it shall be to supervise the work of the Association between meetings and to disburse the surplus funds for the promotion of the objects of this Association.

Art. 13. This Association shall hold its sessions annually at such times and place as it may deem expedient, and may invite visiting brethren to seats and grant them all the privileges of a legal Member, except voting.

Art. 14. Each applicant before being ordained to the gospel ministry shall pass a thorough examination on the following branches of study, spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, geog-

raphy. grammar. the life of Christ and the apostles. church history church government and Bible interpretations. A failure to average 80 per cent will forbid ordinantion.

Art. 15. This constitution may be amended at any usual session by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

RULE OF ORDER

Section 1. This body shall convene annual at the time and place of appointment.

Sec. 2. During each annual session it shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the body.

Sec. 3. All meetings of this body shall be opened and closed by religious exercises.

Sec. 4. A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 5. No member shall absent himself temporarily without leave of the Moderator or finally without leave of the body.